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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 9, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Randolph Building
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office having a date of April 9, 2008, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until July 9, 2008.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months to extend the period for response until October 9, 2008, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for three months accompanied by the government extension of time fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with this reply or any fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees and any claim fees, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.